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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Marcia A. Golub

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 5 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, requires the specification to be written in "full, clear, concise, and exact terms." The specification is replete with terms that are not clear, concise and exact. The specification should be revised carefully in order to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Examples of some unclear, inexact or verbose terms used in the specification are: The term "laser" is used to designate both the physical device and the light produced by the device. It is suggested that the light produced by the laser is referred to as "laser beam".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1- 4, and 6 -10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), and further in view of Short (2003/0081637).

Regarding **claims 1- 4, and 6 -10**, Fig 1 of the AAPA discloses a laser module [10] comprising:

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a laser diode [14] that emits green light [L1], control circuit [12] and lens set [16] (claims 1,2 and 7); a lens set [16] includes concave lens [161], filter [162] and a convex lens [163] (claims 3 and 9); and a laser crystal [15] (claims 6 and 8).

AAPA does not disclose the reflector and a photo detector positioned inside the laser module, to provide a feedback to the laser to control the output power.

However, Fig 1 of Short discloses a reflector [18] that splits off small portion of the laser beam and directs it to a photo-detector [22] to monitor the power of the laser in order to provide a feedback control (paragraph 10). Short also discloses in Fig 5 positioning the reflector [18] between the convex lens and the filter [20] (claims 3 and 9); and arranging the reflector [18] at an angle with respect to the filter [20]; (claims 4 and 10)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Short into the device disclosed by AAPA by adding a reflector and a photo-detector inside a laser module, positioning the reflector between the convex lens and the filter and arranging the photo-detector at an angle to the filter. The ordinary artisan would have been motivated to modify the device disclosed in AAPA in the manner set forth above for at least the purpose of providing a wavelength locking control to the laser that can be easily integrated into laser packaging and that does not significantly reduce the optical output of the laser (paragraph 9).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a laser module for monitoring the output power of the laser, wherein one edge of the reflector is abutted against the filter, and another edge of the reflector is separated from the filter, such that a space is defined between the reflector and the filter for receiving the light detector. This limitation in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claims is novel.

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Contact Info

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcia A. Golub whose telephone number is 571-272-8602. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minsun Harvey can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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